

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 6:00 pm

Minutes

1. Call meeting to order, verify compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Meeting called to order by chair Tom Walters at 6:02pm.

2. Roll Call:

Tom Happ, Chuck Ecklund, Ken Keegstra, Tom Walters, Glenn Choroszy, Ray Demaskie, John Dietz
Others: Glen and Geeg Drum, Al Baade, Paul Burke, Anna Demaskie

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Ecklund, second by Happ. Motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes for November 14, 2017 regular meeting

Motion to approve minutes by Ecklund, second by Happ. Motion carried. Demaskie abstained.

5. Public Input

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

WSLH/Water Samples	\$ 87.00
AYRES ASSOCIATES/Dredging Permit Assistance	\$1,056.00
Sara Hatleli/Aquatic Plant Survey of 13 Bays 2017	<u>\$3,560.00</u>
Total	\$4,703.00

Motion to approve current invoices by Keegstra, second by Ecklund. Motion carried.

b. Review monthly financial reports

Charges for water samples should not go under the AIS education grant; they will be a grant-supported expense if the Lake Management Planning grant is funded.

c. Discussion of audit process

Tom Walter asked Anders Helquist, our attorney at Weld Riley, for an opinion on whether our current "audit report" meets the requirements of our by-laws and fulfilled legal requirements.

7. Dredging Committee Report: Choroszy/Walters

a. Report on December 8th dredging committee meeting

Paul Burke contacted several local banks about working with LRPD on a loan to pay for dredging. Most are enthusiastic and some are creating preliminary proposals for the board to consider. Community bank mentioned that lower interest rates are available to tax exempt entities.

In the future the committee will provide "talking points" that board members can use in discussions with residents. There are also plans to send information on the dredging project to district resident and to hold a community information session early in 2018.

b. Consideration of Ayres contract

The new contract consists of five phases: preliminary design, final design, bidding and negotiation phase, construction phase, and post-construction phase with a total cost of \$36,450. Anders Helquist could not provide advice on the contract because of a conflict of interest with Ayres. Glenn sent the contract to an attorney at Chiquoine and Molberg, who reported that it seemed to be a standard contract that did not contain any unusual features.

A question was raised on whether the cost includes reimbursable expenses, and if not, whether Ayres could provide an estimate of how large they would be. Another question was whether there were any estimates on the length of time for the construction phase. Tom Walters will try to get answers to these questions. Also, the board would like to receive the detailed spreadsheet that breaks down the cost estimates that was offered by Ayres.

The contract requires that the LRPD board designate one person to act as the board representative during the interactions with Ayres. Ecklund made a motion to designate Tom Walters as the board representation, second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

Following the discussion of the contract, Demaskie made a motion to approve the Ayres contract with the stipulation that if estimates for reimbursable expenses are equal to the contract cost (thereby doubling the cost of the contract), a special board meeting will be held. Second by Choroszy. The motion carried with five “yes” votes, one “no” vote and one abstention.

c. Status of plans for disposal of spoils

Once the contract is approved plans can move forward. Jeff Schure will be in contact to arrange a time to look at the Gates property.

d. Status of plans to communicate with district residents regarding dredging

The dredging committee plans to create a tri-fold brochure to send out to district residents in March/April.

e. Update on time line

The dredging committee has an electronic copy of the time line that they update as needed. The LRPD board would like to have the updated timeline before board meetings. Currently some time estimates have changed.

f. Other issues and plans for moving forward

Glenn Choroszy made a motion to buy a speaker phone for teleconferences for no more than \$200, second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

Board members should be prepared for various dredging questions from residents and have answers available.

8. Chairman’s Report

a. Matching list of volunteers with specific tasks

Walters is looking for a volunteer for updating Facebook and to post on the website. A volunteer list will be created that defines the details for different tasks.

9. Secretary’s Report

a. Update on creating an email list for district residents

Happ is currently cross referencing email lists. We currently have about 100 email addresses.

10. Other Committee Reports

a. Water Quality Committee: Keegstra/Ecklund

i. Report on November 27th committee meeting

At the meeting Team Leader’s were chosen for different projects. Don McCune, with assistance from Chuck Ecklund, will be the team leader for water sampling. He will acquire the supplies needed for the year and will organize the sampling trips.

a. Plans for sediment/erosion control projects

Geeg Drum and Ecklund are team leaders. The three projects to focus on in 2018 are Swallow Bay, Sac Court Bay and Timmons Rd. The Town of La Valle is waiting for Sauk County to provide plans for how to fix the Timmons Road situation. John Dietz will connect with Brent Bergstrom regarding this issue.

b. Participation in Healthy Lakes Program

The deadline is February 1st. A proposal requires description of projects that property owners who want to complete projects can be reimbursed up to \$1,000 per project. There are five different activities to choose from that are explained on the website. If we get some proposals by mid-January, the LRPD may try to submit a Healthy Lakes grant application in 2018. If it is not possible to submit a proposal in 2018, we will try to have projects for submission in 2019.

ii. Update on Lake Management Planning grant application

The grant was submitted December 11th and verified by Tom Walters. There will be three phases to the grant. Two grant applications can be submitted at once and the first two phases were submitted in 2017 while the third phase will be submitted for funding

a year from now. Total costs for each phase is about \$37,000. For each phase, the LRPD is asking the DNR to provide \$25,000 while we provide the remainder as our match, mainly as volunteer hours, but also some cash expenditures. Matt Kaminski from Juneau County and Serge Koenig from Sauk County will also be partners in the proposed project. The grant will help develop a 9 key element plan that includes monitoring what enters the lake from the watershed. It also includes a shoreline monitoring program as well as lake monitoring.

iii. Update on AIS education grant-request for “no-cost” extension

Keegstra submitted the first reimbursement or approximately \$20,000 for expenses incurred under the AIS Education grant. The current prediction is that \$8,000 to \$9,000 will be left when the grant expires in 2018. Keegstra made a motion to request a six-month no-cost extension so that the project will run to the end of 2018. Second by Ecklund. Motion carried. The remaining funds and extra time can be used to run the clean boats/clean water program in 2018 and to perform whole bay treatment in the spring of 2018.

iv. Review plans for scheduling meetings with farmers in watershed

Jon Field will come up with names of farmers and Demaskie will contact them to meet one on one, hopefully in January or February.

b. Newsletter: Happ

The newsletter will hopefully be ready for mailing in April. This year Krueger can provide prepaid envelopes to send out the newsletter.

c. Web site: Happ

Dredging information will be posted on the website including minutes from meetings. Information about Healthy Lakes will also be listed.

11. La Valle Town Coordinator: Demaskie

a. Update on Section 11 landing

The town budget was passed. The town applied for a Tiff grant to help repair Dutch Hollow road. Section 11 planning will begin in January and the remodeling should be completed by the end of 2018.

12. Sauk County Coordinator: Dietz

Dietz will ask about Timmons Rd and when a special assessment can be added to the rolls.

13. Agenda items for next meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 6 pm, La Valle Town Hall

farmer meetings, dredging issues

15. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Recorded by Anna Demaskie 12/12/17